

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 317
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Eastman Wastewater Treatment Facility on winning the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association Operational Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, Eastman Chemical Company, which manufactures and markets chemicals, fibers and plastics, employs 17,500 people in more than 30 countries, and whose 1996 sales totaled \$4.8 billion, has its corporate headquarters in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for the fourth consecutive year, Tennessee Eastman Division of Eastman Chemical Company has received an award for the efficient operation of its wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association awarded its prestigious Operational Excellence Award to Eastman in May of 1997; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the award, publicly owned and industrial wastewater facilities in Kentucky and Tennessee must have on no more than one occasion exceeded the limits of their National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit; and in the past four years Eastman has had only one such instance; and

WHEREAS, Eastman's wastewater treatment plant, covering eight acres with a capacity of 30 million gallons per day, is the fourth largest such plant in the United States chemical industry, and was built in 1988 at a cost of \$80 million; and

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WHEREAS, to insure compliance with the NPDES permit, Eastman collects and analyzes more than 6,000 items of data annually from the treated water before it is discharged from the wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, while maintaining its level of compliance, Eastman has not neglected employee safety; the facility's 50 employees have worked eight years without a lost-time injury and five years with only one OSHA recordable accident; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberation to congratulate and thank those businesses and industries which strive in their operations to maintain environmental integrity and protect the public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Eastman Wastewater Treatment Facility employees on winning this prestigious award for the fourth consecutive year and thank Eastman for its operation of that facility in a manner that contributes to environmental preservation and the public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.